

During the past year, the activities of the Bar Association caught the interest of the entire student body and served to impress the worth of the organization upon the minds of students and faculty alike. The book exchange saved the students money on case books, note books and examination pads. The Legal Aid Clinic afforded students practical experience with cases. The LAW JOURNAL gave them the opportunity to gain valuable experience in research and writing. This publication has already received national recognition and is well on its way to a place among the outstanding legal periodicals of the country. Prominent speakers, moot court, banquets, smokers, and the law college dance were all sponsored directly or indirectly by the Bar Association. Other less obvious advantages arising out of the Association's activities are too numerous to mention.

Upon next year's class will rest the responsibility of carrying on, so that these advantages will be strengthened rather than lost.

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Aid from the Law Schools

The legal aid clinic is a splendid idea. It has two admirable features. Law students are afforded an opportunity to work with actual cases and gain valuable practical experience. Persons otherwise unable to get legal advice are given the aid they need. The value of the plan has been widely recognized by enterprising law schools. The Ohio State University College of Law established a legal aid clinic a little less than two years ago. It was first instituted as one of the functions of the newly organized Student Bar Association, and was directed entirely by the law students, under the leadership of Julius Schleszinger. Recognizing the possibilities, the faculty took charge of the project and named Professor Silas A. Harris as its head, in the Spring of 1935. The following Fall the offices were moved from a downtown office building to Page Hall on the University campus. James Tritschler, student head of the legal aid section of the Bar Association, has acted as chief assistant to Professor Harris. Under the able direction of these two men, the Ohio State Legal Aid Clinic is performing an exceedingly valuable service and is steadily growing.

During the last two quarters, twenty-six students have been enrolled and have taken an active part in the work of the Clinic. In the four months of October, November, December, and January, the Clinic force handled and disposed of 191 cases. In many of these cases a little

sound legal advice was enough, and in others the students were able to iron out the difficulties through conferences and negotiations. Some cases were taken into court. The records indicate that a total of 480 cases have been handled since the Clinic was established. Since the offices were moved into Page Hall, a decline in the proportion of domestic relations cases has been noticed, and an increase in contracts, torts, and property cases. Columbus courts and relief agencies are continually sending persons to the law college for professional advice.

The figures given indicate the extent of the work the Legal Aid Clinic is doing and one can readily perceive the amount of good that is being accomplished. We are happy to devote this space to the deserved recognition of a worthy project and the men who are conducting it.

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